

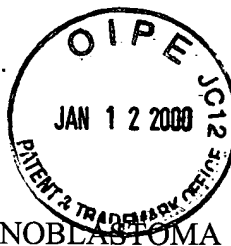
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 3, line 1, between "gene." and "The", insert the following passage:

a' -- The invention also features a vector that includes the human retinoblastoma gene, or a unique subregion thereof. The term "unique subregion" means a DNA sequence found in the Rb gene and not elsewhere in the human genome. Preferably, the unique subregion is at least twenty base pairs in length. --

At page 6, at the end of line 22, delete "of" and replace it with ~~flanking~~ and including

a2 each --.

At page 6, line 23, delete "exons" and replace it with --exon --.

At page 6, line 23, delete "flanking regions", and replace it with -- exon sequence shown

a3 in upper case letters, flanking intron sequence shown in lower case letters, and the size of the intervening sequences shown in kilobase (kb) units --.

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